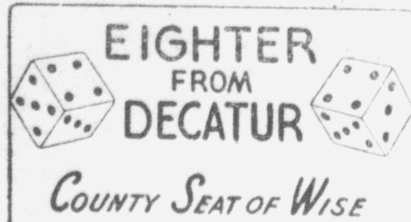


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DECATUR, TEXAS—Thursday, February 4, 1954 ☆

Oldest Business Institution In Wise County



● We made the Stock Show Monday, Decatur Day, the first time in several years, and it seemed to us much better than the last feature we had the pleasure of seeing. Going early, we walked through the buildings housing the sheep, cattle, horses and exhibits. Some of the livestock is so fat the hair on the stomach keeps combed by dragging the ground. Several Decaturites had entries in the show, some of which had not been judged at the time we were there.

● After the usual hamburger and coffee for lunch, we enjoyed the band concert and the features offered by the Decaturettes. There were not sufficient chairs to seat the band, so all stood while playing several numbers. The girls twirling, rope spinning and other acts, brought the whistles and cheers. A large group of Wise countians was on hand, but the band played early, about 12:30 which was too early for many who waited until show time to arrive at the ground.

● Miss Judy Fox, Decatur sweetheart, did herself proud, riding in the grand entry and later being introduced along with the judges and other dignitaries prior to the opening of the afternoon performance.

● The whole show, from the grand entry to the jumping horses, was exceptionally good, and went off on schedule, no waiting and no delays in one event after another. The bucking horses are wild and the Brahmas are vicious. The wild horse stampede is worth seeing.

● In fact, we enjoyed the whole day, more than we ever did before, and we heartily recommend it to you in 1954. See EIGHTER on page 4, col. 4.

LOCAL ATHLETES MAKING GOOD IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS, SERVICES

Two former Decatur High League

Frank Hardwick of the TCU in Dallas adds this: "Gene was drafted in the 29th round ahead of many nationally known college seniors. He was picked before such Southwest conference players as Johnny Crouch of TCU, Leroy Fentremaker of Rice, Charles Smith of Baylor and Bob Garbrecht of Rice. So the pros must think quite a bit of Gene's chances in pro ball. I just wonder if he plans to play ball."

Ben Matney is attending Cisco Junior College on a part-time basketball scholarship, and Davis Foster is at the same school on a part-time football and track scholarship. Full time scholarships are generally worth about \$1,000 a year to the athlete and enable many boys to attend college that could not go any other way.

Jerry Matney, another former star Eagle athlete, is back home on leave from the Marines, and reports an enjoyable fall season as a member of the El Toro Marine football team in California. Jerry plans to return to college football and an education when his three year hitch is up.

James Tolbert, former Eagle high jumping star, is home on leave with his wife, from the navy.

GENE SNIPES GOES TO NEW YORK GIANTS

Gene Snipes, footballer of Decatur, DBC and Austin College, was drafted at Philadelphia January 28 by the New York Giants in the National Football

The Messenger Invites—Bill Burton and guest to be our guests to see "SO BIG" At the Plaza Theatre Sunday or Monday

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LIONS CLUB HEARS L. C. SLIMP JR. WEDNESDAY NOON

Our program last week, given by former Decaturite, L. C. Slimp, Jr., gave us much factual information about a neighboring institution that few of us know anything about, the State Training School for Girls at Gainesville. L. C., in his job as principal of the School, is in a position to be more keenly aware of the increasing problem of juvenile delinquency, a problem which has become more and more apparent to us all but which so far we have been able to do very little about. And we can no longer keep our eyes closed to the fact that we have the problem in Decatur. Almost every week we are shocked by stories we hear involving some of our kids. None of us knows yet what the answer is, but the problem certainly commands the concern and sober thinking of us all. Sooner than you might think, something will have to be done. Thank you, L. C., for bringing us this program and thanks to your father, Lion Slimp, for asking you over.

Have you guys done everything you should get ready for Ladies' night? Remember, it's Feb. 9th, and it won't improve your relations with the little woman to wait in that night after she has cooked your supper and tell her to get ready for a banquet. Better tell her early so she can shine your shoes and get your suit pressed. —"The Dink"

Home From Germany

Cpl. Jimmy F. Freeman who has been stationed in Aschaffenburg, Germany, the past 16 months, arrived home Saturday night for a 10 day visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman. He goes to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas the 9th for discharge.

ELEVEN KILLED IN 202 WRECKS IN WISE COUNTY IN 1953;

PTA STARTS A PROGRAM ON SAFETY EDUCATION

The increase in traffic accidents in Wise County has prompted the PTA to start a program of safety education to include all the pedestrians and drivers in our community.

The Problem: Statistics of City Patrolman, 1953, Wise County, 202 wrecks, 11 killed, \$107,464 damage.

The Goal of Our Campaign: To have every citizen in Decatur sign and line up to the drive and walk safely pledge prepared by the safety council of Fort Worth.

Means of Attaining Our Goal: 1. More and better education of pedestrians and drivers. 2. More and better support of our public officials concerned with the problem.

The P.T.A. Safety Committee has planned a long intensive series of programs for the education of our school age children. We will enlist the aid of all Decatur organizations and churches to carry this "drive and walk safely" campaign into every home in our community.

No one is immune. The next wreck may be your own. The life you save may be your own. Let us all work together to eliminate these wrecks, costly in lives and money, and make Decatur streets and surrounding highways the safest in Texas.

POOL FILLED WITH 120,000 GALLONS WATER

One hundred and twenty thousand gallons of Decatur well water are now in the Decatur swimming pool. The pool has been completed and the water pumped in, to remain until the filtering equipment goes to work and swimmers are allowed in, probably around April 1st, no foolin'.

The dressing rooms have not been completed, but will be in plenty of time for opening.

The pool and filter plant, the part under contract for construction has been completed, and the school board met Wednesday to approve the installation.

DBC LOSSES AGAIN TO ALLEN QUINTET

Allen Academy's Ramblers topped Decatur Baptist, 52 to 48, in an overtime thriller here Monday night to retain first place in the Texas Junior College Conference Zone 2.

Clinton Johnson led the Allen Academy win with 15 points. Ansel Fortenberry had 20 for Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd White and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd White and family of Fort Worth attended a family reunion at Vernon Sunday.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR SECOND ANNUAL FAIR TO BE HELD IN DECATUR ON MARCH 26

Plans were made for the second Annual Wise County Fair to be held in Decatur March 26 when Vocational Agriculture Instructors, Homemaking Instructors, Home Acrent and County Agent, together with O. Ray Brown, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce met to make the preliminary plans and to set up different classes to be stressed in the fair. Tentative plans now are to start the fair with a downtown parade of youths from the floats and schools entering their projects and bands and the selection of a queen at noon.

Future Homemaking and 4-H Girls Division will consist of: I. Sewing; Dresses, Skirts, Blouses. II. Leather; Belts, Purses, Billfolds, Moccasins. III. Needle Craft, Crochet, Embroidery. IV. Metal; Copper, Aluminum. V. Foods; Baked

PROPERTY DAMAGE \$107,464.00

City Patrolman Goswick informed us Tuesday that a study of the records show 202 vehicle wrecks in the county last year which took 11 lives and left property damage of \$107,464.

This information is part gleaned for a series of Safety programs which will be held at the schools and elsewhere. The cooperation of the citizenship of the city and county to lower this record is now underway.

RETURNS TO DUTY Pfc. BOBBY JOHNSON



Pfc. Bobby R. Johnson returned to the Marine Camp Jan. 5 at Camp Pendleton, Calif., after a 21 day leave. There he will complete his overseas training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Johnson of Iowa Park and the husband of the former Peggie Taylor, who is now residing in Decatur with her mother, Mrs. Fay Dean Taylor.

ELEVEN BOXES OF CLOTHING FOR KOREANS

In response to the call Mrs. F. M. Kenny made for clothes to send to Korea last week, she received and packed eleven boxes of nice clothes. Mrs. Geo. Mack assisted Mrs. Kenny in packing the boxes. The Kenny paid the freight which amounted to more than \$20.00.

Mrs. Kenny wishes to express her appreciation to the following persons who sent clothing:

The W. V. Partons, A. P. Deaton, Toton, A. B. VanMeter, John Renshaw, Methodist Missionary Society, Geo. W. Chambers, K. W. Renshaw, F. P. Martins, Gunn Fortenberry, James A. Ferrisons, Glenn Colougher, Floyd Jackson, Lewis Pounds, Bill Alexander, Fred Milligan, C. C. Kersey and Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Fortman of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milligan attended the Stock Show Tuesday.

ONE WRECK ON THE HIGHWAY, ONE IN TOWN

A '33 Olds and a '50 Jeep were involved in a collision about 2:45 Tuesday morning near Charlie's Cafe on highway 81. No one was injured, property damage about \$250.00. One driver was from Nocona, the other from Colorado City. Patrolman Goswick informed us, also that Brooks was charged with driving with defective brakes and without a drivers license.

3983 POLL TAX RECEIPTS ARE ISSUED IN WISE

J. Wallace Brady informed us yesterday the final total shows 3983 poll taxes issued in Wise County for the year 1954 voting. Sixty two of this number were exemptions, 3921 being paid. To this total should be added about 600 votes from those requiring no poll tax to vote, making a total voting possibility of about 4600. This is about 600 below the record of over 5,000 votes cast two years ago.

MOTHERS' MARCH NETS \$551.10

Decatur has raised about \$1500 for the March of Dimes. Sheriff Rook Ramsey informs us, but the county total has not been completed.

Various entertainments over the county swelled this total greatly but exact amounts will not be known until all funds come in.

The Mother's March last Friday night in Decatur brought in an additional \$251.10 it was announced yesterday. The Sigma Alpha sorority sponsored the Mothers' March as well as other entertainment features to help the campaign. The March last year netted about \$200, this year's total was very gratifying the young women report.

WORK AT GREENWOOD MASONIC LODGE

The Hemphill Heights Masonic Lodge No. 1164 of Fort Worth will do degree work at the Greenwood Lodge the night of March 13, bringing their candidate.

Masons from this area are invited.

FIGHTS IN DALLAS GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNEY

Charles McCollough, Decatur Baptist College, fought in the Golden Gloves Tournament in Dallas on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights. He won one bout by default, one by a KO and on Monday night one by a TKO and the last fight by a decision. McCollough was awarded a statuette for his fine work. McCollough also fought in the Sherman bouts.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK IN TEXAS

Honorable R. B. Anderson, Secretary of the Navy. Public education should, in my judgment, always remain close to the people. As a necessary implementation of this policy, the people must remain close to the schools.

Public Schools Week has contributed significantly to the development of an ever closer relationship between the citizenship of Texas and their free public schools. See STORY on page 8, col. 1

BOY SCOUTS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7-13

The future strength of America lies in its youth, says Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in a message for Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, marking the 44th anniversary of the organization.

"How well the young men of tomorrow will meet the challenge of the times will depend upon the training that they receive today in character development, participating citizenship and personal fitness," the Chief Scout Executive said. "In cooperation with the home, the church, the school and other community institutions, the Boy Scouts of America," he continued, "is charged by its congressional charter with the responsibility for promoting the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to develop skills, self-reliance, initiative, physical strength, endurance, courage, patriotism, and those other qualities which contribute to the very highest type of citizenship."

During Boy Scout Week, in countless communities, Scouts, their parents, local institutions and public officials will pay tribute to the leaders of the Scout Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Explorer Posts for the contribution they are making to the boyhood of America.

The Boy Scouts of America, Dr. Schuck points out, is operated by volunteers with the help and assistance of a small professional staff. Men come forward in increasing numbers, he said, to give their best in the service of youth. Without them, he states there could be no Scout program. Because of them over 2,440,000 boys today enjoy the adventure of Scouting, which has become a part of normal American life.

Volunteer leadership positions in Scouting attract men of education, as well as men of character with an educational and occupational background well above the national average.

SCOUT DRIVE TOTAL GIVEN AS \$904.14

The final wind-up of the recent Boy Scout Fund campaign in Decatur netted the organization \$904.14 chairman Chester Morris Jr. informed us Tuesday.

He also expressed appreciation to all those who contributed and to the many who assisted in making the drive a success by working on the teams in the solicitation.

The Cub Scout Den No. 5 contributed \$5.00 to the March of Dimes last week. Mrs. J. C. Holmes is the Den Mother.

WEATHER BRINGS THOUGHTS OF EARLY SPRING

The past week end brought thoughts of spring as the sun came out and the weather returned to normal.

The mercury has been in the 60s and 70s, with the low in the 40s. About one quarter of an inch of rain fell early Tuesday morning from clouds which accumulated Monday afternoon and night.

The ground is still spongy from the recent sleet, and the moisture with it surely went into the ground, much better than a heavy rain.

Tuesday the Groundhog saw his shadow as bright as possible as the sun stayed out all day, not a cloud in the sky.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hull and daughter Helen and Mrs. F. A. Davenport attended the graduation exercises at the University of Texas Saturday night, when Charles Lee Hull received a Bachelors' degree in the Texas College of Pharmacy.

READ THE ADS!

DECATUR LOSES IN FINALS OF BOWIE TOURNAMENT SAT.

BOWIE, Tex., Jan. 30. Tall Temple Tuckers 42 points and a sizable third period point bonus defeated Decatur boys over the jump here tonight ending their 74-60 domination over the station Wichita Falls, and their second consecutive Bowie domination basket ball tourney title.

Win Consolation. Stanford's Builders annexed the consolation title with a 38-28 victory over Decatur, while Santa Fe placed a hot ball game back to two third place from Decatur, 36-34.

Bob Puryear led Decatur in its uphill battle in the consolation game. He picked up 20 points and rebounded Clayton Abbott added 18. Jerry Starnes had 20 and Jarvis Gantt 18 for Decatur.

Decatur led a 31-26 margin at halftime, but Santa went ahead 44-38 in the third and retained the margin the rest of the way.

Eagles Use Zone. Decatur set up an air tight zone defense against the Coyotes and held a 45-40 lead with 2:58 remaining, but Atwell and King cut a brace of jump shots that ended Coach Perry Good's 978 Point winning game.

The Eagles lost the ball with some faulty zone play, and the Coyotes rushed the break quickly to move into a commanding lead.

Atwell, displaying his sharp end form of the season, bagged 17 points, while King added 15. Jerry Starnes, a 5-8 guard, kept the Eagles in the game with a 17-tally output while Jarvis Gantt and George King contributed 11 each.

MRS. R. A. STEAPP RECEIVES FIRST LICENSE

Mrs. Ira Stepp was first to purchase a 1954 license plate Monday morning as the numbers went on sale at the tax collector's office.

During the day many more were issued, and will be from now on.

OIL WELL NEAR COTTONDALE IS COMPLETED

Warren E. Wright, Trustee, Park Ridge, Ill., completed No. 1 Montgomery, section 34, Culwell survey, A-1593, 4 1/2 miles southwest of Cottondale, in Wise County, as a Strawn discovery.

Pumping potential was 32-24 barrels of 13 gravity oil plus 38 barrels of water daily through perforations from 5,015 to 3,168 feet.

FAILURE REPORTED IN WISE COUNTY

Jack Grace Petroleum Company plugged at 5675 feet the No. 3 W. C. Hodges, in the Hodges Upper Conglomerate Field at Wise County, four miles west of Alvord, in lot 3, block 3, Cooke CSL survey.

OILER COMPLETED IN WISE COUNTY

Third M. L. Andrews Ltd. and American Drilling Corporation completed the No. 1 R. B. Lowrance et al in the Chico Field of Wise County, five miles northwest of Chico, in C. W. McLain survey A-1086. On 24-hour test the well flowed 138 barrels of 41 gravity crude through 20-64-inch choke from pay perforated at 5510-50 feet. Total depth is 5780. Casing pressure was 850 pounds and tubing pressure 250. Gas-oil ratio was 1200-1.

Mrs. Barnard Cleve and Mrs. Dill Berry from Artesia, N.M., are visiting their uncle, Mr. Dick Willis.

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BUFFEL, COASTAL BERMUDA GRASSES IMPROVE FARMS

Farmers in the Denton-Wise Soil Conservation District will be improving their farms in 1954 by planting new and higher forage producing grasses. Two new grasses which will show up on their farms are buffel grass and coastal Bermuda.

CROSS.

Buffel grass will grow on dark, clay, and sandy soils. It has shown the ability to germinate and grow well in low rainfall areas. It is palatable and attractive to livestock as hay and green forage. It is a perennial and plantings to date in this area have shown good promise; however, it has not been definitely established that it will

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Many feel future of every American is not being mapped in Washington, London, nor Moscow.

Not only Washington independent business leaders, but farm, labor leaders scrutinize Detroit.

For in Detroit Big Motorspearheads drive to scrap all U. S. tariff laws, to permit a ruinous flood of cheap foreign-made goods and products.

Big Motors C. W. Harder wants immediate elimination of 10% duty on foreign cars.

Thereby hangs a tale.

Independent U. S. automakers have upset Big Three of motor-dom. Old torpedoes which used to blast independent competition have been missing fire.

Before the war, independent car makers, regardless of quality of products or price, never overcame handicap of arbitrarily established low trade-in values of their products on other brands.

But, at war's end Big Three, feeling a hungry public would accept anything, offered models similar to prewar models.

But independent makers such as Studebaker, Hudson, Packard and Nash stealing a march, brought out entirely new models in design and conception.

Public acceptance of independent cars, both on new sales floors and on used car lots has been a major postwar surprise.

Steel controls brought by Korea established allocation of auto industry in historic usage. Big Three getting 85%.

With public demand for their new models on the upswing, this hurt independents, but they kept on developing new designs.

Now with controls off, Big Three knows wraps are also off independent competition.

But elements of Big Three have foreign plants with cheap labor. Some models have been offered U. S. buyers for some time. Many are sold because of lower price; others attracted by cheapness, are "sold up" to more expensive U. S. made models.

Elimination of 10% tariff would permit Big Three with foreign plants to import even cheaper cars.

This will hurt sales of all U. S. made cars including independents. But Big Three will make profit on foreign cars, leaving independent U. S. makers the only real losers.

This probable development would also be headed off.

As independent makes increase in sales, greater volume production will permit lower costs, consequently still lower prices. This the Big Three does not want.

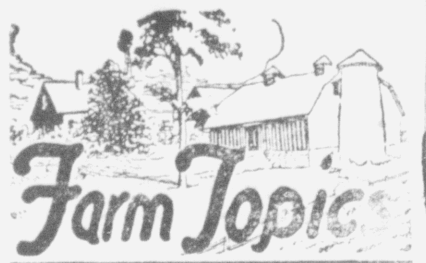
There is also a paradox.

Most auto dealers, for all brands, are independent businessmen with high sense of community and national responsibility. Yet such is nature of their franchise, dealers handling Big Three products face alternative of selling cheap foreign products or losing franchise.

The vast majority of Americans have all their eggs in one basket—the United States of America.

That defines coming battle on tariff eliminations. On one side the majority of Americans; on the other, a small minority with eggs in baskets all over the world.

2 survive severe winters. The strain known as blue buffel



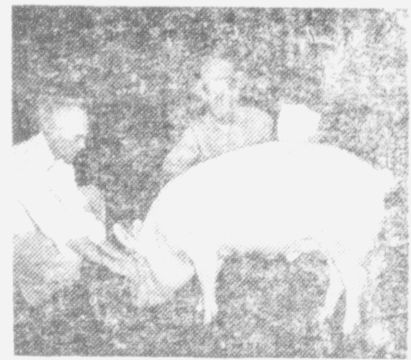
Yorkshire Wins At Barrow Show

Minnesota Producer Shows New Type Hog

For the first time in its seven year history, a Yorkshire won this year's championship at the National Barrow Show at Austin, Minnesota.

The champion (pictured below) has the length, strong muscle over the back, ham and shoulder thickness of fatback that the customer-dictated modern hog must have.

This type of animal will yield a higher percentage of its weight in



This is the type of hog that is becoming more and more popular with producers throughout the country. They yield a higher percentage of valuable pork cuts than the old type of animal.

valuable pork cuts than the old type of hog.

This Yorkshire barrow won for its owner \$378.00 in prices and sold at auction for slaughter hogs that followed the show for \$875.00 to Elmer Carlson, president of the Carlson Seed Company at Audubon, Iowa. Mr. Carlson paid \$13.50 a pound for the 230 pound animal.

Roland Remus of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, behind the animal raised and exhibited the animal. At the left is Harlan Hawks, York-shire breeder of Winnebago, Minnesota, from whom Remus purchased his original breeding stock.

The grand champion trucklot at the show were Berkshires and were owned and exhibited by Bob and LeRoy Faint, Havelock, Iowa.

Cattlemen Harassed By Harvester Ants

Ranchers in the south and west are being harassed by the harvester ant. They have denuded 90,000 acres of grazing land in Wyoming's Big Horn basin and have cleaned seed from almost half a million acres.

Methods of controlling the ants have proven ineffective. Most chemicals fail to kill them. Dynamite and flooding are equally unsuccessful.

In parts of the Big Horn basin there are as many as 32 colonies of ants to an acre, with an estimated 10,000 per colony.

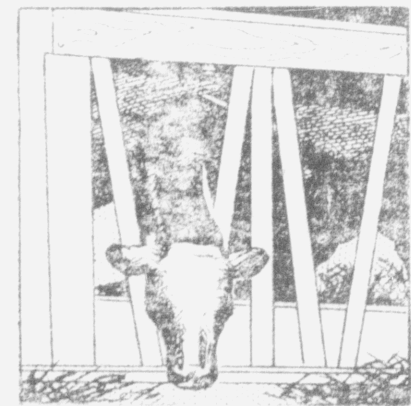
The insects forage for fallen ripe grass seed. Each grain is carried back to the nest, where the ant strips the husk. Chaff and pod are dumped outside the nest. The kernel is stored in chambers carved from the earth.

These agricultural ants keep a circular clearing seven to 12 feet in diameter around each nest. In the Big Horn region the ant hills are capped by mounds of sand and dirt excavated from the subterranean nest. Mounds measure more than a foot high and up to three feet in diameter. Nests extend from six to 10 feet into the ground.

After a heavy rain, the tireless ants transport their grain supply, seed by seed, from the storehouses to the open air. When the sun has dried it, the reserve is carried back and restored. Seeds that have mildewed or sprouted inside the nest are discarded.

Warts caused by a virus may affect dogs. The infection is spread through contact with infected dogs. The warts are usually found on the lips, tongue or palate.

Feed Bunk



Cattlemen are always faced with the problem of the animals pulling feed from the bunk and trampling it underfoot. This type of bunk is designed to prevent the waste of feed. These V-type slots are 18 inches wide at the top, 6 inches wide at the bottom, and 5 feet high.



THE KIDS ENJOYED THE SLEET HOLIDAY

SLEET COVERED THE COUNTRYSIDE as this picture shows. Taken from the college hill, looking toward the court house, a continuous sheet of white with only one set of car tracks. On the left is Sally Sensibaugh and her sled which she rode down the incline. From left to right, the boys are Derry Dodson, Phil Luker II, David Dodson on the sled, and David White. The boys were snow-balling David Dodson as he went down the hill on the sled. The group then went for a bob-sled ride over the frozen streets.

(Stafoto)

should withstand somewhat colder winter temperatures and appears better suited to heavy soils.

Coastal Bermuda is a palatable grass. It has a wider leaf, grows taller, produces more forage, is higher in protein and more drought resistant than common Bermuda. It will thrive on any land that will grow common Bermuda. This grass does not produce viable seed and must be spread by planting root stock. Farmers in the Pilot Point area in Denton County used seven truck loads of these roots last year. They were so well pleased with results that they are preparing three trucks to haul the roots from Georgia

to their farms this spring.

Both of these grasses should be tried on farms in the Denton-Wise Soil Conservation District on soils to which they are adapted. Land preparation for seeding should be started now. Further information on these

new grasses may be obtained from your Soil Conservation

Service technicians located in Decatur.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method of thanking our neighbors and

friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy, for the flowers and for helping carry on the household duties since I broke my arm.

Your kindness has meant so much to us.

Mrs. Roy Neel

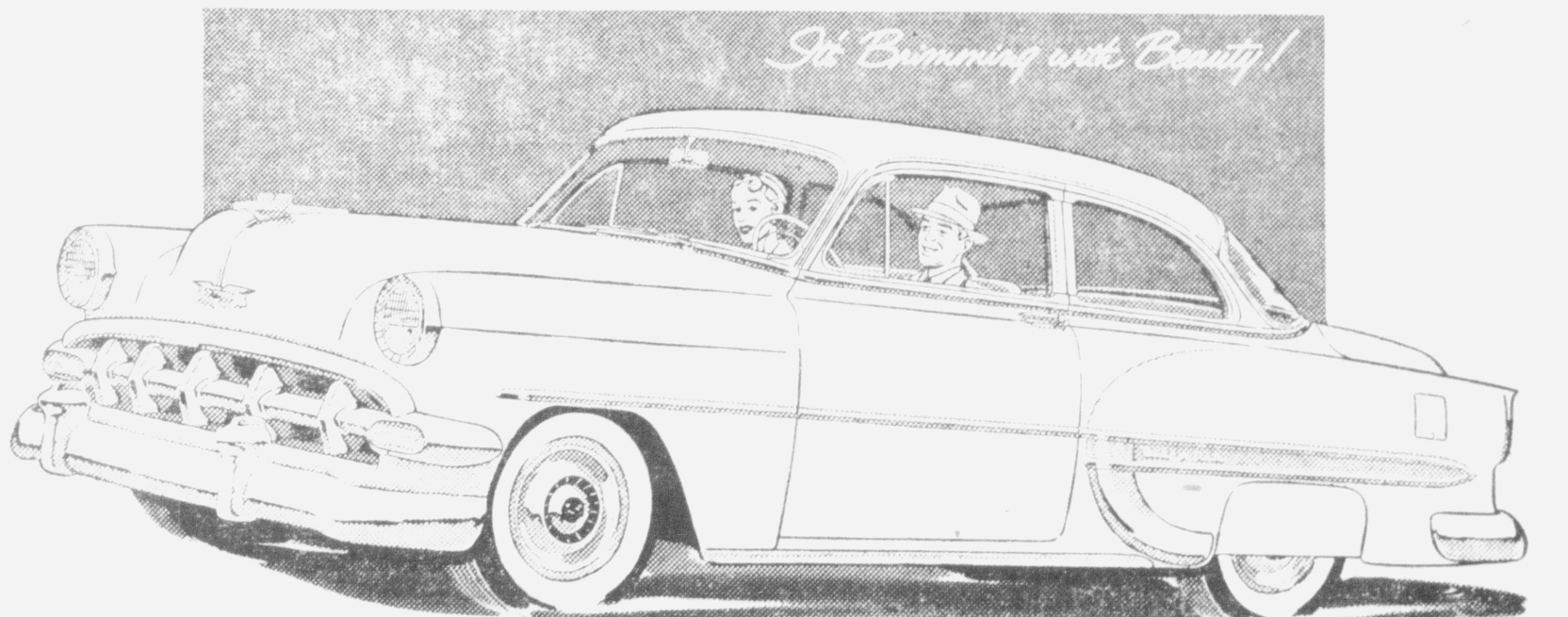
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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Decatur, Texas, will be received at the office of C. A. Nichols, City Secretary, until 7:30 o'clock p.m. on February 15, 1954 for furnishing all necessary material, equipment, superintendence, and labor required for the construction of water and sanitary sewerage improvements in the City of Decatur, Texas.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Cashier's or Certified Check for five (5%) percent of the amount of the base bid payable without recourse to the City of Decatur, or a proposed Bond in the same amount from a reliable Surety Company as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee forms provided within five (5) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without

check or proposal Bond will not be considered. Bidders must also submit an experience record on the forms provided.

The Successful Bidder must furnish bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price from an approved Surety Company, holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner.

All unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the price in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable or unbalanced unit prices will be considered sufficient cause for rejection of any bid or bids.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding local conditions and conditions under which the work is to be done. Attention is called to the provisions of



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Interesting Items from the files of THE MESSENGER 25 and 50 Years Ago...



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Feb. 1929

ALATHEAN PARTY
Mrs. Cody Milligan was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the Alathean Class of the First Baptist Church. A unique feature was an indoor track meet consisting of nine events. The final score was 16-19 in favor of Greens, under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. V. Patterson. With appropriate presentation of speech, Captain Bell Ford of the Greens, awarded a huge "loving cup" to the winner.

Delicious refreshments were served to the class and two guests, Mrs. Sam Ford of Dallas and Mrs. Jack Walker of Fort Worth.

The SSS Club of Decatur met Saturday at the home of Miss Evelyn Workman. After a social hour, refreshments were served to the following: Maxine McCracken, Jewel Gladys Bradford, Laverne Smith, Mozelle Walker, Pauline New, Billie Shults, Jane Loveless, and the hostess. The club will meet next Saturday at the home of Miss Martina Boyd.

Decatur friends were delighted Friday to hear over WBAP a piano solo, given by Miss Allah Reeves, the talented daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Reeves of Fort Worth formerly of Decatur. Allah is a gifted musician. She is a pupil of Gullicks, musical instructor at Texas University.

The Acts of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and subsequent amendments concerning the wage scale and payment of prevailing wages established by the Owner. Said scale of prevailing wages is set forth in the specifications.

Instructions to Bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and contract documents may be examined at the office of C. A. Nichols, City Secretary, City Hall, Decatur, Texas, and may be obtained at the office of Homer A. Hunter Associates, Consulting Engineers, 3708 Abrams Road, Dallas 14, Texas, upon receipt of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), which sum so deposited will be refunded provided:

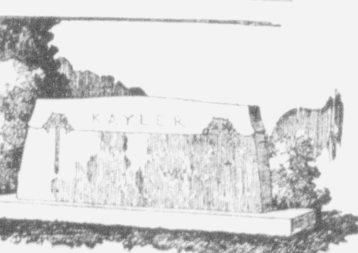
(1) All documents are returned in good condition to the Engineer not later than 48 hours prior to the time for receiving bids, or,

(2) If Contractor submits a bid and returns all documents in good condition to the Engineer not later than 5 days after the time that bids are received.

If the Bidder does not comply with either of the above two (2) options, then only (\$10.00) Dollars of the deposit will be refunded when the documents are received.

CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS
By S. L. HARDWICK
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Jan. 1904

The voters of Wise County have done very well in paying their poll tax this year. There were 4400 polls assessed and 4118 have been paid, leaving 282 who cannot vote in any election this year.

E. B. Milton Sr. was in the city Tuesday. He has been employed for some time in organizing local union of the Farmers' Education and Cooperative Union of America in Parker and Tarrant Counties.

Miss Mattie Harding has accepted a position with the Jones Dry Goods Co. as milliner, and will go to St. Louis in a few days to select her stock and see the latest styles in her line. Miss Harding has been assistant in the Millinery department at the Mississippi store for some time and is adapted to art.

On account of the illness of his father, Dr. Jack Ford has discontinued his studies at Vanderbilt University for the time being and returned home.

Master Garland Cook, Tom Hughes and Dale Stevenson, while out rabbit hunting, made a mistake and caught a cat. What to do with the little fellow is puzzling their parents, as they are not fit to send to school for a few days and not good company at home.

MRS. WOOD COMPLETES COURSE AT NORTH TEXAS

Decatur, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Annie Lee Wood of Decatur is one of 144 students who have just completed a semester's course in student teaching at North Texas State College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reeves, Decatur.

The teaching program at North Texas is arranged to give students who are majoring in education actual experience in teaching class. During this course, usually taken in the student's senior year, the prospective teacher conducts class lessons, administers class assignments and takes over the testing program.

The students teacher is guided in and outside the classroom by a supervising teacher who assists in planning, carrying out, and evaluating the work. The student teacher also has a college coordinator with whom to work.

Mrs. Wood has been teaching in Oakhurst Elementary School in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wheeler and baby from Saginaw visited his mother Mrs. W. E. Wheeler Sunday.

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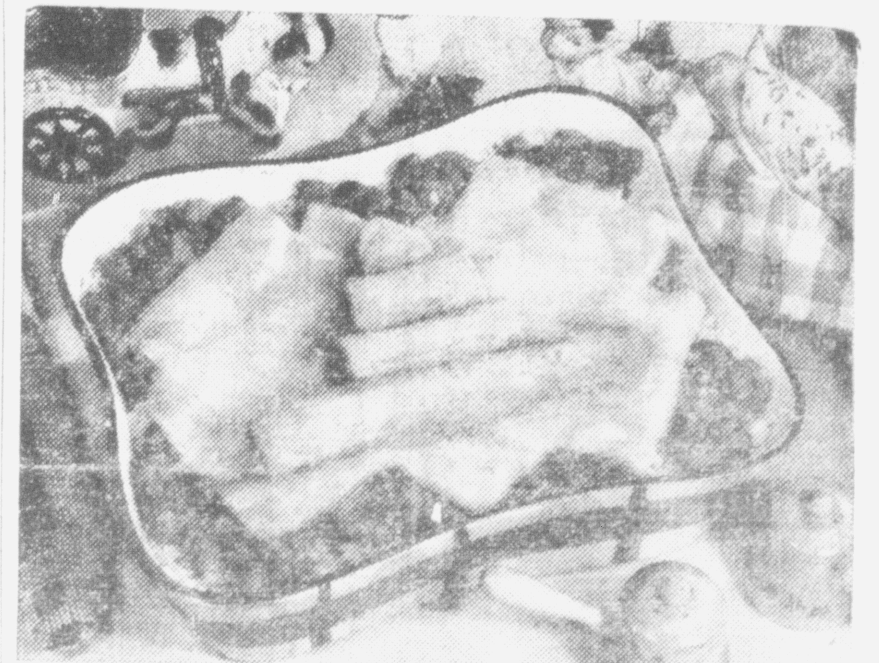
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Mrs. George Teel from Artesia, N.M. spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stem.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO READ THE ADS IN THE MESSENGER EACH WEEK!



Sombrero Tamales— Quick and Flavorsome Oven Dish

Really fine eating, pardner, is this wonderfully delicious casserole of satisfying food which all the "cow punchers" in your family will praise and praise.

This quick oven dish is put together in a matter of minutes. It is almost an "out-of-the-cupboard" because the rice cooks while you get out the cheese, the tamales and chili con carne and light the oven. This "savory favorite" from the southwest is different enough to make a big hit with company, too, and you'll find you won't need to "lasso" any compliments for it.

INGREDIENTS:

1—15 ounce can or jar of tamales and sauce
3 cups cooked rice

1—15½ ounce can chili con carne with beans

¾ cup water

1½ lb. American cheese, sliced

PREPARING THE FLUFFY WHITE RICE To make 3 heaping cups of white, fluffy, perfectly cooked rice:

1. Put 1 cup uncooked rice, 2 cups of cold water and 1 teaspoon of salt into a 2-quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil.

2. Turn the heat off as possible. Cover the saucepan with a lid. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking.

3. Leave saucepan over this low heat for 14 minutes. Remove from the heat. The rice is now ready to use.

For extra fluffy, tender, separate grains allow the rice to steam for an additional 10 minutes— with heat off, but without removing lid.

For extra convenience and economy of time and effort, cook 2 cups of rice, 4 cups of water and 2 teaspoons of salt— keeping the extra cups of unused ready-cooked rice in the refrigerator in a covered container.

Use this rice as needed in quick, delicious and inexpensive soups, salads, casserole dishes, hot breads and desserts.

METHOD: Place the tamales and sauce in the bottom of a greased 2-quart baking dish. Top with the cooked rice. Pour the chili con carne over the rice.

Add the water. Place the cheese slices over the top of the chili con carne. Place in a 350 F. oven for 30 minutes or until the cheese has melted and the tamales, rice and chili con carne mixture is heated through.

If desired, save out three of the tamales and arrange them on the top of the cheese in the shape of a sombrero. Do this about 10 minutes before the cooking time is over in order that these tamales may become hot.

This recipe makes 8 servings.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Wish I'd Said That

You know Miss Perkins. Well, she's been driving her own car around our town for a little more than 30 years.

The other day she had a bit of trouble parking down on Main Street. Didn't quite make it the first try, so she pulled out to start over when a fellow waiting to pass started tooting his horn impatiently.

On the second try, she was still having a little difficulty and so this smart aleck hollered, "Lady, do you know how to drive?" "Yes, young man," Miss Perkins answered, "I do. But I don't have time to teach you now."

From where I sit, it's not always easy to have a good answer ready when you need it. But when somebody insists that I vote for his candidate, for instance, or choose tea instead of a temperate glass of beer with dinner, I know the answer. It's all a matter of personal preference... and none of us like "backseat driving" from anybody.

Joe Marsh

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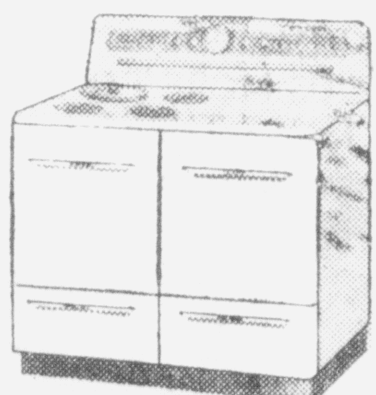


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C. E. MANN DIED
AT ARTESIA, N.M.
JANUARY 21st

C. E. Mann, 70, died in Artesia, Thursday, Jan. 21. It was learned this week. He was born April 2, 1883, near Decatur, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Mann. He had been in ill health since a recent heart attack and died in an Artesia hospital.

He married the former Hattie Boyd Jan. 22, 1905. Survivors include Mrs. Thomas G. Gettys, daughter, and two brothers, Wharton Mann and Frank Mann, all of Decatur.

Also his widow, four other children, three other brothers and sisters.

A Tribute to
The Boy Scouts

A recent study of the personnel of men serving as leaders in all capacities shows that more than 60 per cent of the Scout leaders in America were once Scouts. Sixty per cent were found to be high school graduates and 40 per cent graduated from college.

Among the Scout leaders it was found that 86 per cent are married men and 61 per cent have sons. A high percentage report membership in fraternal, service or veterans groups.

In a check of the occupations of Scout leaders it was found that 25 per cent were professional or technical workers, including lawyers, teachers and physicians. Another 20 per cent are craftsmen and foremen; 19 per cent are public officials, buyers, credit men, managers and proprietors of small businesses, while another 10 per cent are sales persons or engaged in advertising and insurance. Scattered occupations are indicated by the remaining 25 per cent.

Most Unit Leaders say they volunteered to serve as a result of an intense personal interest brought about through their contacts with boys; others because of their friendship with men already serving as leaders or because of their affiliation with a local institution that sponsors a Scout Unit.

Since Scouting was established 14 years ago, Dr. Schuck said, emphasis has been placed on the right kind of leadership. This insistence upon high-quality men for positions of leadership, who serve without pay, has never been lessened.

FAMOUS CHOIR TO
SING IN DALLAS

Westminster Choir of 40 mixed voices, from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., conducted by Dr. John Finley Williamson, will sing at McFarlin Auditorium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, February 9 at 8:15 p.m.

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The concert is sponsored by Highland Park Methodist Church of Dallas. The Choir is on its 32nd annual tour. In other years, the choir has toured in Europe, South America, and through-out America.

FIGHTER from page 1

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH when we settle down to living the new year. By this time we remember to put 1954 in our date lines, instead of 1953.

We've talked out the newness of a different administration and our political gripes are repressed. The frenzied hustle and bustle of the Yule season has become tempered into just a fond memory, and our anticipation is focused on those far off two weeks with pay. Those labyrinths of the business world, yearly reports and inventories, have all been made and neatly filed away. The storm windows are up and the decision to paint or not to paint the screens can conveniently wait. Any great enthusiasm generated by the wonder of the beauty of a snowfall has been diminished by the ugliness of the shovel.

This is the slow, easy time of the year when men have time to dream favorite dreams of the things they would like to do or the things they have done. A man warning his silk clad feet before a marble fireplace or a man perching cotton socks on a pot belly stove can equally enjoy the languid leisure of February. Books get read. Souls get searched. And you can relax in the comfortable routine of daily living.

February even manages to present us with two famous birthdays and a day to remember sweethearts.

It's a shame indeed, that this wonderful month, which gives us so much, has to be so short changed by the calendar.

• This is what the Fort Worth Press had to say of those attending the show.

DECATUR HAS ITS DAY.

Decaturites who came to the Fort Worth Fair Stock Show yesterday, made themselves known when the snappily dressed Decatur High School Band played a concert before the rodeo matinee.

The Band was directed by Woody Woodard, who brought his wife along with him.

Among those listening to the music from their own hometown and watching the rodeo were: A. L. Duncan, president of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce; Sheriff Carl (Rook) Ramsey, Mrs. B. J. Tandy of Abilene (with the Decatur delegation), Mr. and Mrs. Worth Arnett.

Miss LaRue Carpenter, Bobbie Stephens, Barbara Ramsey, Barbara Burton, James Winder,

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leath, Phil Luker Sr. and Phil Luker Jr., Mrs. George T. Spears, Luke Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Terrell, Harry Male, Floyd McCurdy and Mrs. Jeff Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milligan, all of Decatur, and Delores Lee and Jack Morris of Alvord, and many others.

Eighty-five members of the Band made the trip.

• You many plant trees and shrubs this spring knowing there will be plenty of water to keep them through the hot summer months. We understand the city may even give

reduced rates during the watering months if it is hot and dry this year. The way the situation stands at present is that there will be plenty of water for everyone's needs in 1954.

• City Pharmacy was omitted from the list of 5c coffee dispensers Dr. Hall informed us this week.

• The walking on the square hasn't been the least complicated this week, plenty of room. In fact, the streets have been so blank we haven't anyone to write about. Those in the know tell us everyone is busy at home now, making preparations for gardens, plant-

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SEVEN BOYS 9 TO 11 ADMIT TAKING ARTICLES FROM NINE BUSINESSES IN DECATUR

Seven boys ages 9 to 11, small insignificant things
were quizzed last week by City
Patrolman Goswick concerning
a series of petty thefts in the
city.

The group admitted taking
things from 9 businesses in
town, from money to pencils,
part of which parents agreed
to reimburse. Most of the acts
were individually, the group
was not working together as
a gang.

Most of the items taken were

picked up and carried off. Some
\$30.00 was taken from the bank
in rolls of coins \$20 at one
time and \$10 at another time,
which was the largest amount.
Goswick said.

It is hoped parents will co-
operate with the authorities in
helping curb these practices.
Goswick also brought us infor-
mation concerning a new Texas
law under which parents are
responsible for acts of their
children, penalties ranging
from \$500 fine to six months
in jail or both.

Services For Infant

Graveside services were held
for Gary Marshall, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Alfred Greer Monday
11 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Cem-
tery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends
for their many deeds of kind-
ness during our bereavement.

—The Greer family

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Bible Study..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service..... 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services:
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WIENERS	29
WILSON'S LAKEVIEW	
BACON, sliced	55
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GOLDEN CREST	
CHEESE, 2 lb. box ...	75
5 LB. BAG	
GRAPEFRUIT	29
LETTUCE, No. 4	10
DELICIOUS	
APPLES, C-grade	13
ONIONS, yellow	5
TOMATOES, carton ..	13
MISSION—NO. 2 1/2	
PINEAPPLE, sliced ..	31
DEL HAVEN	
PEACHES, No. 2 1/2 ...	25
MORTON'S—REG. PRICE 25c	
POTATO CHIPS	21
KIMBEL'S—APRICOT, PLUM, PEACH	
PRESERVES, 12 oz. ...	19
46 OUNCE	
HI-C Orange Drink ...	25
FAMILY SIZE	
CHEERIOS, 10 1/2 oz. ...	24

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COLGATE, Dental	43
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HOMINY, No. 2	9
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DOG FOOD, ...	14
SUNVALE, 3 LB. CARTON	
SHORTENING	69
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or its equivalent.

Wise County will take in
one No. 112 Motor Grader.

Wise County will reserve the
right to reject any bids.

NOTICE

District 13 Knights of Pythias
will hold a district meeting at
Fort Worth Thursday night,
Feb. 11, at Castle Hall.

All Knights are urged to at-
tend.

A. L. Chesney
District

Mrs. Chester Minyard from
Corsicana is visiting her par-
ents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Decatur furnished the pro-
gram for the Nocona Lions
club last week. Lion Woodard
took his four D.H.S. Drum
Majorettes up to perform for
the Nocona folks and they were
a big hit. Their twirling tech-
nique seems to improve every
time they appear. The girls are
proving to be very good Am-
bassadors of Good Will for De-
catur, and they are getting in-
vitations from just everywhere
to come and perform.

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WFAA (570 kc.) Sunday
3:15 p.m.

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ROE SHOEMAKER CELEBRATES ON FEBRUARY FIRST

(Taken from Marvin Garrett's "The Westexan" in the Fort Worth Press) February 1 will be a special day for Roe Shoemaker, Decatur barber.

He'll walk to the courthouse square, open the door of his barber shop. He will cut hair all day. And when he closes up "on first Monday" he will be ending his 58th year as a barber.

A while back someone figured he had given 200,000 haircuts.

"But that's not right," he says. "I only kept a record for two years."

A lot of these were shaves, not haircuts," he said. "When I first started I gave more shaves than haircuts. Now it's the other way around, since everyone has a safety."

If all his hair cuts and shaves were counted together, he thinks the figure would be well over 200,000.

Mr. Shoemaker started barbering when he was 18.

You didn't have to go to school in those days, he said.

"You would get two or three fellows on a stump, cut their hair, then you were ready to go

to town and start barbering."

During the 58 years Mr. Shoemaker has barbered "all over Decatur." But he has been settled in the same shop since 1926.

He has cut hair alongside a lot of barbers in that time.

"And I've learned something from everyone of them," he will tell you.

Haircuts came cheaper in the days when Mr. Shoemaker first picked up his scissors. A haircut was 25 cents, a shave 15 cents.

But he isn't worrying because he gave so many two-bit haircuts.

Because two-bits then would go farther than a buck now, he believes. It would buy a lot more coffee and a lot more bacon.

D.H.S. Girls Basketball Schedule

Jan. 28—Jacksboro • at Decatur
Feb. 4—Nocona • at Decatur
Feb. 11—Bowie • at Decatur
Feb. 18—Jacksboro • at Jack'sho
A games at 7:30 P.M.
B games at 8:15 P.M.

• Conference games

D.H.S. Eagle Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29—Graham • here
Feb. 2—Siddell • there
Feb. 5—Jacksboro • here
Feb. 9—Bowie • there
Feb. 12—Nocona • here
Feb. 16—Graham • there

• Conference games

SCHEDULE FOR DECATUR COLLEGE

Jan. 28—Howard Payne
"B" Team Here
Feb. 1—Allen Academy • Here
Feb. 2—Blinn • Here
Feb. 3—Henderson • There
Feb. 11—Howard Payne
"B" Team There
Feb. 16—Navarro • There
Feb. 18—Cisco • There
• Conference Game



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TWO ARE ALWAYS BETTER THAN ONE

TAKING NO CHANCES Mrs. J. R. Moore and Mrs. Louis Browning took no chances on slippery sidewalks during the sleet. Holding hands, they walked up the highway. This picture was made in front of our office as they neared the top of the hill. Note sleet on fender of car in foreground. Many of the cars across the street needed help pulling out to the street. (Staff photo)

CARD OF THANKS

Our recent sad loss leaves us with grateful hearts toward neighbors and friends. Their comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee and Roger, Mrs. Cynthia

Brown
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rosenberg

Webb and sons and Mrs. Roy Need spent Sunday at Leonard, Texas. They attended church and visited in the afternoon with Rev. and Mrs. Roy How-

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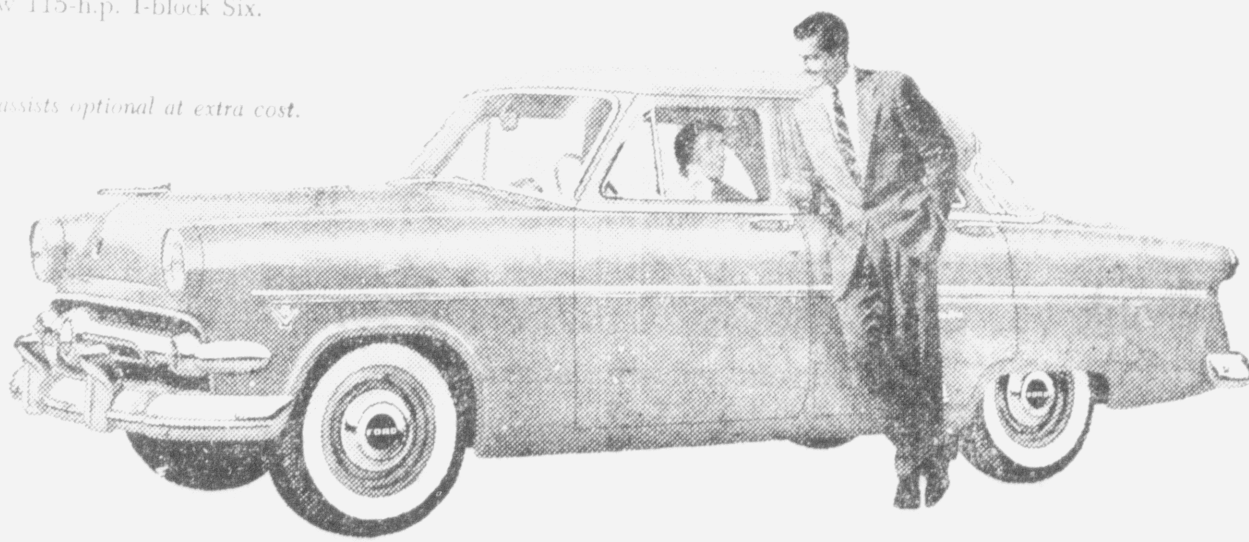
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Boy Scouts Observe 44th Birthday

FORWARD ON LIBERTY'S TEAM



44TH ANNIVERSARY 1954 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Official Boy Scout Week Poster

The 44th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be observed during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, by more than 3,300,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910 more than 21,000,000 boys and leaders have been members. Boy Scout Week will highlight the "Forward on Liberty's Team" theme which seeks to produce a

greater functioning manpower and provide a higher quality program for an ever-increasing membership. In countless communities, Scouts, their parents, local institutions and public officials will pay tribute to the leaders of 89,000 units for the contribution they are making to the boyhood of America.

READ THE ADS.

Marriage Licenses Issued In Decatur

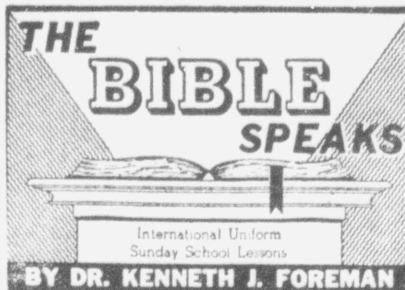
R. A. Stanfield, Mary B. Moody 1-18
R. C. Brooks—Janet Lee Mason 1-16
J. E. Stitt—Marjorie Jo Jackson 1-15
Clarence E. McClurg—Elizabeth Rogers 1-15
P. P. Matar—Rose Barbara LaCombe 1-14
C. S. Graham—Alta Fuller 1-14
J. A. Bobo—Sarah Alice Carpenter 1-14
A. C. Osg—Yancy Book 1-13
G. L. Kirk Jr.—Mary McBrayer 1-8
J. L. Watkins—Susie L. Smith 1-5

BIRTHS IN WISE COUNTY

BOYS:
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Decatur 12-2
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Watson, Decatur, 12-14
Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor, Ponder 12-19
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberts, Decatur 1-1
Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Odell, Decatur 12-25
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Jackson, Rhome 12-2
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davidson, Rhome 12-18
GIRLS:
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Paschall, Bridgeport 12-19
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Loper, Bridgeport 12-23
Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Tow Jr., Fort Worth 12-37
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Stringer, Gladewater 12-9
Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Shubert, Denton 12-7
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rayford, Fort Worth 12-5
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Mollohan, Fort Worth 11-30
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hesteande, Slide 12-11
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hardee, Fort Worth 12-16
Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Bramlett, Decatur 12-19

ATTEND DAIRY CONVENTION

E. F. Hornback and E. M. Doyle, Decatur Dairymen, have returned after attending a dairy convention in Dallas. They reported the first two days of the convention were attended by several hundred representatives of 18,000 Texas dairymen who are members of the American Dairy Association of Texas.



Scripture: John 6.
Devotional Reading: Galatians 1:15-21.

The Living Bread

Lesson for February 7, 1954

STRANGERS to the Christian religion are always somewhat astonished at its central and most solemn act of worship. It is nothing else than taking a morsel of bread and a sip of wine. Such simplicity is not to be expected. In fact, some churches decorate the simplicity with all manner of ritual till the simple act at its center is almost smothered out of sight. But it is always there, the simple piece of bread. Pitiful to relate, theologians and whole churches have come to blows over the precise meaning of the sacrament we call Communion, but whatever be the differences, all Christians agree that the reason we do this is because Jesus directed it. We also all agree that in this simple act Christ is present. With a divine humility he wished to be remembered in the "breaking of the bread."



Dr. Foreman

Life's Necessity

Jesus never said, "I am the cake that came down from heaven." Man can live without any kind of cake, but not without some kind of bread. When Jesus lived in Galilee, the poorest man always had bread, if nothing else, for his one meal a day. (In Palestine to this day one may see a working-man at noon crouching in a bit of shade munching on his black bread.) When Jesus called himself Bread, he meant that he cannot be "taken or left." There is no such thing as Christianity without Christ. There is no such thing as a Christian without Christ.

To Be Assimilated

Marbles are filling, but they are not food, because they can't be digested. Bread is food because it is absorbed into the system. In your bones and blood, in your nerves and skin and glands today, are the elements you have taken in with the bread you have eaten. Some of it is stored up in the fat-cells which are the body's reserve bank. Some of it builds up various tissues. Some of it is expended in energy of living. The bread has ceased to exist, as bread, it does you good only because it has been assimilated, it has become a part of your muscle and brain. So Christ intends that he shall be assimilated by the Christian. It is true a Christian cannot exist without Christ; but we must think what that means. Christ in a picture on the wall is only a picture. Christ as a definition in a catechism is only a definition. Christ as a half-understood phrase in a creed is still only a dim and perhaps meaningless name. Christ as a historical person is a figure in history, no more. It is only the assimilated Christ, Christ taken into your system, Christ a part of you, that is vital in your day's living. How does this take place? First of all by knowing him—in the Gospels, in the New Testament, and then and always as a living invisible Presence, the inner Christ who takes the wheel of your will. Bread has to be eaten to be of use. Christ must be willingly taken if he lives within.

To Be Shared

As some one has said, "A crust eaten alone is only a crust. A crust shared may be a sacrament of friendship." There is one fact about the Living Bread which is not true of ordinary bread. A loaf from the grocery will be just as nourishing if you eat it alone as if you eat it in company. A loaf stolen is as nourishing as a loaf honestly bought. It is not so with Christ the Bread from Heaven. The selfish life, the life that thinks only about its own troubles, ambitions, dreams and hopes, is not one in which Christ can live. If all you want him for is to get on better with your own schemes, he will do you no good. If you were sitting in a restaurant enjoying a good meal, and you looked out through the window and saw in the street, nose pressed against the glass, a starved-looking child, would the meal taste as good to you afterwards? And yet church members will sit in their comfortable churches, listening to sermons about Jesus, standing up and saying they believe in him, singing about him, even taking the bread of Communion,—and all the while soul-starved people are on the outside. How can we ever truly have Christ in our lives if we never try to share Him?

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Star Acts At Fort Worth Rodeo



Grace, skill and action will characterize the specialty acts at the world's greatest indoor rodeo in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 29 through Feb. 7. Little Wanda Lou McCush will ride a whole row of ponies at the same time (upper photo); one of the five daring and skillful trick riders is shown at right and (left) Jimmy Schumacher, clown, peers from the barrel he uses in the bullfighting.

TEACHERS MEET IN DENTON SOON

Denton, Tex., Feb. 1.—Several hundred teachers will gather on the Texas State College for Women campus in Denton March 5-6 for the 17th annual meeting of District 5 of the Texas State Teachers Association. The 1953 meeting was in Fort Worth.

Preliminary plans were made this week when officers of the district met with TSCW officials and public school leaders.

DEED

Nettie Battendorf—M. L. Battendorf

C. E. Hollingsworth et ux—E. G. Gasperson

J. R. Hartsell et ux—G. V. Gibbons et ux

N. E. Malone—H. A. Orndorff

M. S. New et al—Jesse R. Lemmond et al

Henry Smith et ux—Sam Smith

R. H. Susan et ux—N. E. Malone

MINERAL DEED

Kenneth B. Blanton—Roy L. Blanton Jr.

L. F. Jones et al—Virgil H. Sparks

Juanita M. Miller—R. E. Weaver

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STORY from page 1—

I sincerely hope that each year an increasing number of people will visit their schools during Public Schools Week, because I am sure that such a practice will result in an improvement of our educational institutions and in a better understanding of our educational problems.

Mr and Mrs. Phillip Bailes from Del Rio visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Roberts here this week.

Mrs. Eleahor Teal from Artesia, N.M., is visiting the Maxwells in the Greenwood community.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. W. M. BENTLEY AT GREENWOOD FRIDAY

Mrs. W. M. Bentley, 74, who died at her home in Greenwood last Thursday, was buried in Greenwood Cemetery Friday.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Rev. Ira Bentley, pastor of Connell Baptist Church in Fort Worth; three daughters, Mmes. Bryan Pruitt and Romie Arnold of Greenwood and J. T. Mills of Carrollton; a sister, Mrs. J. A. Braswell of Denison; four brothers, George and J. A. Turner of Arkansas and J. L. Clarence E. Turner of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NEW OFFICERS RECENTLY ELECTED BY DECATUR WOMAN'S CLUB



Mmes. J. H. Valcik, president; Ray Rhine, first vice-president; M. L. Stone, second vice-president; Horace Bennett, secretary.



Mmes. Alf Brown, treasurer; J. W. Heins, reporter; Bill Hollie, parliamentarian-critic; W. M. Lewis, corresponding secretary.

CHILI SUPPER ATTRACTS A LARGE GROUP

The Woman's Club had a chili supper Friday evening from 6 to 8 at the Lions Club. There were approximately 100 people served.

The purpose of the supper was to raise funds to further the work of the organization.

Committee chairmen and their members did a wonderful job in carrying out their plans.

Chairmen were Mrs. Ralph Wren, Mrs. Earl W. Nunneley, Mrs. Sam W. Renshaw Jr., and Mrs. Max Weaver.

The club wishes to thank the people of Decatur for their interest and support and to all who helped to make the chili supper a big success.

GARDEN CLUB MET WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27th

The Decatur Garden club held a very enthusiastic meeting last Wednesday afternoon Jan. 27th. On account of the icy weather this was the first meeting of the club since the Christmas party, and the ladies doubly enjoyed Mrs. A. B. Van Meter's demonstration and discussions on correct flower arrangements.

During the business meeting presided over by the president Mrs. T. S. McCaleb, the club made a generous contribution to the March of Dimes. The president also announced that the members will not be called by telephone unless the date and place of meeting is changed. So please use the club yearbooks and attend all meetings.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses: Mrs. George Eldon, W. A. Maullin, Caraway, and Medford.

Mr. William Trexell, who completed training at Colorado and is being transferred to Sasebo, Japan, Trexell notified the Messenger of his change of address, he doesn't want to miss a copy.

BLANCHE GROVES CIRCLE MET MON.

The Blanche Groves Circle met in the home of Mrs. R. L. Hunt Monday afternoon Feb. 1st.

Mrs. E. B. Brown presided during the business meeting. Plans were made to help entertain the YMA House party at the Baptist College on Friday of this week.

Mrs. Cody Milligan taught a very interesting Bible lesson.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to the following ladies, Mrs. E. B. Brown, Buster Pearson, Floyd Clifton, W. H. Finley, R. L. Blankenship, C. K. Wilkerson, J. L. Ward, T. H. Barnard, J. C. Dunaway, C. A. Maples, and Cody Milligan.

LEGION AUXILIARY HAS MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. G. A. Long Monday night. A very interesting and informative program was given by Mrs. C. J. Williams. Pres. Modena Burnett had charge of the business meeting. Plans for the future were made with great interest.

After the business meeting, refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed by the members.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 15 in the Legion Hall.

Visitors the past week in the John Ferguson home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson and Terry of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Howard of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Howard, Sabinaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hayes and Bud Tepson of Winsboro, Peggy McDonnell of Dallas, Mrs. John Ferguson is in Dallas with her daughter Peggy who is taking treatment at a Dallas hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clifton visited Mrs. Albert McNeely at Greenwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Burton and sons Charles and Weldon were in Muskogee, Okla., during the week end.

Mrs. Ira Maley is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter at Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pavillard of Amarillo, were in Decatur Tuesday morning, enroute home attending the Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Bearden from Baird, Texas, was visiting friends here Tuesday.

Postmaster: Mail from Greenwood was in Decatur on business Tuesday.

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